

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed October 7, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims 1-58, as amended, are respectfully requested.

1. Present Status of Patent Application

Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1-58 remain pending in the present application. More specifically, claims 1-2, 8-12, 14-15, 17-18, 20-24, 26-33, 43-44, 51 and 53-58 are directly amended. These amendments are specifically described hereinafter. It is believed that the foregoing amendments and additions add no new matter to the present application.

2. Response to Rejection of Claims 1-58 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

In the Office Action, claims 1-58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being unpatentable because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants have amended claims 1-2, 8-12, 14-15, 17-18, 20-24, 26-33, 43-44, 51 and 53-58 such that the subject matter of these claims are directed to statutory subject matter, namely, computer systems. Applicants believe that the amendments herein overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101, and accordingly, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

3. Acceptance of the Drawings

The Office Action Summary sheet, at box 10, has not been checked to indicate acceptance of the filed drawings. In the next Office Action, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the drawings by the Examiner, and an appropriate indication in box 10 of the Office Action Summary sheet.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 1-58 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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